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REMARKS

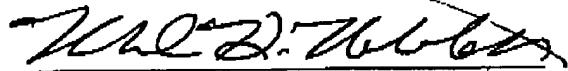
In the Office Action mailed January 11, 2005, the Examiner indicated that claims 1-21 stand allowed. Without acquiescing to any ground of rejection, the Applicants are requesting entry of the foregoing amendments canceling claims 22-24 and 26 without prejudice or disclaimer, in order to allow claims 1-21 to pass to issue. The cancellation of claims 22-24 and 26 raises no new issues requiring further consideration and/or search, and places the application in condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Applicants respectfully request entry of these amendments and issuance of a Notice of Allowance for claims 1-21.

If there are any questions regarding this amendment or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #101235.52663US).

Respectfully submitted,

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